



Travel more intelligently with
World Factbook Travel Facts



WORLD
FACTBOOK

Palau

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Palau due to restrictions aimed at preventing the transmission of COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required, as long as you are a tourist, and do not stay in the country more than a year.

US Embassy/ Consulate

+680-587-2920/2990; EMER: +680-775-6150; US Embassy in Koror, Airai State, in an area known as Omsangel (no street address), PO Box 6028, Koror, Palau 96940

Telephone Code

680

Local Emergency Phone

911

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever and cholera is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever and cholera transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever and cholera transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical; hot and humid; wet season May to November

Currency (Code)

US Dollar is used (USD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug type(s): A, B



Major Languages

Palauan 65.2%, other Micronesia 1.9%, English 19.1%, Filipino 9.9%, Chinese 1.2%, other 2.8%

Religions

Roman Catholic 45.3%, Protestant 34.9% (includes Evangelical 26.4%, Seventh Day Adventist 6.9%, Assembly of God .9%, Baptist .7%), Modekngei 5.7% (indigenous to Palau), Muslim 3%, Mormon 1.5%, other 9.7%

Time Difference

UTC+9 (14 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water	Opt for bottled water.
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist destinations	Ngerulmud; Jellyfish Lake; Rock Islands; Clear Lake; Lake Ngardok; Peleliu War Museum
Major sporting events	Soccer, volleyball, basketball
Cultural Practices	Unlike in western countries where raised eyebrows often signal confusion, in Palau they are taken to mean agreement.
Tipping Guidelines	Tip 10-15% of the bill in restaurants and \$5 (USD) per tank when diving.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

Wednesday, June 30, 2021